

MEETING LOG

Date Of Meeting: June 21, 1996
Location of Meeting: CPSC, East-West Towers, Bethesda, MD
Subject of Meeting: Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Attendees:

Commission:

Chairman Ann Brown
Special Assistant Walter Sanders
Staff Assistant Larry Hershman
Robert Wager, CR
Ronald Medford, EXHR
Elizabeth Leland, EC

Non-Commission:

Linda Dark,
Black, Kelly, Scruggs, & Healey
Robert Wheatley,
Wheatley Blair, Inc.
Sam Christie, Product Safety Letter

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Summary of Meeting:

Mr. Wheatley and Ms. Dark requested a meeting with Chairman Ann Brown and represented First Alert/BRK Brands, Inc., a manufacturer of carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. On behalf of BRK, they expressed support for the October 1, 1995 edition of the UL standard for residential CO detectors, UL 2034. They expressed the hope that the Commission would act cautiously in evaluating the standard and in proposing any changes.

Both Mr. Wheatley and Ms. Dark stated BRK's position that additional research into the effects of CO poisoning on the neurological system was being conducted. This research, being conducted at a hospital in Salt Lake City, would, in their opinion, be useful in evaluating the standard. The research would not be completed for another six months.

In addition, Mr. Wheatley and Ms. Dark indicated that nuisance alarms were not a burden to fire service personnel who are first responders. Education, training, and appropriate detection equipment for the first responders were essential to solving the problem of nuisance alarms.

Mr. Wheatley and Ms. Dark requested that the Commission request the staff to consider the above information in the staff evaluation of the UL standard. The Commission attendees assured them that such consideration would be given.

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